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EDITORIAL.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Many old friends of Bro. E. L. Compere will read with pleasure his graphic letter from Western Arkansas, and rejoice that he is sharing so largely in the Lord's favor and work.

The friends of the Southwestern University, at Jackson, Tenn., are hopeful of completing their endowment and securing the $10,000 proffered by the American Baptist Education Society. Our best wishes are for their fullest success.

We score a pleasant call at the office from Bro. Geo. W. Knight, the Mississippi evangelist. He reports his family in much better health, and himself ready for full evangelistic work. He holds his next meeting at Pachuta. His address is Tokio, Miss.

In reporting a recent meeting a preacher said: "The last half hour was taken up with short prayers and testimonies from many people." He did not say how many people, but we hope not VERY many. It will be a sad day when the merit of a religious service is rated by numbers.

There is danger that Christians may lose sight of the fact that the salvation of souls is God's work, in which event and in their anxiety for results, they count, in their conquests, some whom he has not saved. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, sayeth the Lord."

A preacher asked, the other day: "At what period of the Christian dispensation was it ascertained that members of the same local church were not to speak to one another unless they had been regularly introduced?" Is it so? And if so, why is it? Are not all brethren?

We note that the friends of other papers are working earnestly for them. May we not hope that the friends of THE RECORD will also bestir themselves for it? Anything like an earnest effort by all of those who take and read THE RECORD, would soon double our subscription list. Brethren, try it.

The meeting at Oxford, where Bro. J. B. Gambrell was assisting Pastor Gardner, was sadly interfered with by the rain and sickness, and finally closed before the time on that account. It was, however, a feast of fat things for the Oxford saints; the well-known result of the gospel and grace.

Shuqualak Female College shows up splendidly after the Christmas holidays. Most of the young ladies went home for a few days, but all, with but one exception have returned, and that one absentee was more than made up for by new arrivals. That school was never in so fine a condition for good work, and is making the very best of its opportunities.

Dr. T. L. Cuyler recently said of the Baptists of Philadelphia and elsewhere: "They are a powerful body in Philadelphia. Let us thank God that their great army corps all over the land are so stoutly loyal to sound doctrine and evangelical progress." For which testimony we are duly thankful, but most sincerely wish that we were only much more so.

The great fire in Nashville, recently, in which three men lost their lives and $600,000 worth of property went up in smoke, may have many suggestive lessons in it, but one above all others is, that man's profoundest knowledge and mightiest strength are yet in their infancy in their efforts to get the mastery over the forces of nature. It is still true that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

In speaking of "the old fashioned prayer meeting," recently, Dr. C. W. Robinson said: "If there be one institution on the earth which has evidenced its absolute right to be and to live, it is the old fashioned prayer meeting. With all its exposures and imperfections, it is one of the most valuable instruments for growth in grace we have." Over against which, another brother of weight says: "The new fashioned prayer meeting, with all of its new methods of proceedure, is a most expert one for the promotion of growth in gass."

The idea of the C. R. Barnes Publishing Company, of St. Louis, to bring out a revised and enlarged edition of the story of "Baptist Missions," is a capital one. It is to be called the Centennial Edition, and will cover a full 100 years, from Carey to 1892. It will be just the thing for the centennial workers now abroad in the land. If you want an agency to sell the book, write to C. R. Barnes Publishing Company, 612 and 615 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo.

An amendment is proposed to the Federal constitution, the object of which is to limit private fortunes to $1,000,000. We don't know whether that is just the correct figure for the limitation, or just the way to do it, but have no sort of doubt that something of that sort will have to, and should be done. If things go on as they are pointing, A. D., 1992, will probably show up a few thousands of millionaires and billionaires, with many millions of pennyaires and paupers.

A Methodist authority says: "In ritualism man placates Deity by deeds, observing rites, customs and traditions," but in Methodism he has the "glad tidings of great joy conditioned on faith and good works." We are curious to know in what respect they differ. Does not the Methodist man "placate Deity by deeds," observing "faith and good works" in the place of "rites, customs and traditions?" How vain are the efforts of a stream to rise above its source.

There are two classes of people who are scarcely competent to judge of these stringent times. One is made up of those who are full handed, above want, and are in the swim of affluence, while the other is of those who are empty handed, in sharp need, and in the shallows. The only man who can see these times in their true light is the Christian philosopher. He sees God's hand in it all, and reads it as if written on the clouds. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

How little men know of what is really in the future. Only a little while ago it was confidently stated that before six months had passed away Germany would have declared war against Russia, and that all Europe would be convulsed in carnage. Now it is, with equal confidence, asserted that Emperor William will make up with and restore Bismarck to his former position, and that universal peace will be the result. Let us hope, rather, that the latter will turn out to be true.

We observe that Hatcher and Dixon, of The Baptist, (Baltimore) are still passing tags on the little matter of "preludes." We are of the opinion that Hatcher is about right. If a man means to preach Christ that day—and surely he ought—he should not by any means put anything before him. If he feels, however, that he must, then he must call it by some more suggestive name—a preclude for instance. The gospel is too valuable a commodity to be used merely for a suppliment.

A New York paper reports a festive occasion in that city, known as an "Adamless Eden"—a gathering of the working girls in a great party, in which men were conspicuous for their absence—and insists that it was a fine affair. We are in doubt about the latter fact, however, as we would be about the utility of the half of a pair of scissors. We were once present at an "Eveless Eden."—a "stag" fish-fry—which was on of the most woody and unsavory things we ever tried to enjoy.

What the world needs for its reformation is not more of clubs, associations, societies, conventions and resolutions, but more of Jesus, the Savior. It needs the blood of Jesus for its cleansing, the life of Jesus for its light, the power of Jesus for its salvation, and the grace of Jesus for its deliverance from the dominion of sin. "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Therefore, let us preach the gospel.

Dr. Hoss, of the Christian Advocate, has this humble word to say about his denomination: "Methodism is not burdened with any exclusive pretensions. It does not claim to be the true church, but only a true church." This has a suspicion of fairness in it, notwithstanding its covert fling. To claim to be THE true church, however, would be to give the whole thing away, for the true church must now be near 1,860 years old, while Methodism, at best, cannot count 200 annual cycles. But is it not a little pretentious to claim that it is A true church? If Christ built His church on the rock, as He said He would, and the gates of hell were not to prevail against it, then it is here yet, and must be THE true church. How, then, can there be another true church? Can men make true churches?

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The writer of these lines heard, some years ago, the President of one of our denominational schools make this remark in a speech upon the subject of education: "The best investment that you can make of your money is to put it into a man." And is this not true? The churches are called upon to contribute to missions, and it is a poor church that does not do something for the furtherance of the gospel in the regions beyond; but does the support of pious young men, who are called of God to the ministry of his Son, lie as near the hearts of the brethren as it should? [illegible] feared that it does not, and that our churches are failing just at the point where most may be done to advance the cause both at home and abroad. Within the last few years our denomination has made wonderful progress in every direction. And the secret of this success may be found in the fact that in nothing have we improved more than in the quality of our preachers. These preachers have kept in advance of the churches, and against fearful odds have led them on and up to the position which they now occupy. And we must keep our preachers in the very front rank not only in piety, and zeal, but in culture. They must be educated men, and in order to keep up the supply we must not only pray to the Lord of the harvest to call men into the field, but we must give of our means for their proper equipment for this great work.

What a powerful factor a sensible, pious, educated minister of the gospel is for everything? He stands up to preach acceptably and to lead whole bodies of men and women in advancing missions, and in setting other agencies to work which are destined to hasten the coming of Christ's kingdom. Doubtless the place to put one's money where it will yield the largest income is in the education of some pious young man who has been called to preach. Our brethren in charge of Foreign Missions are rejoicing that several individuals and one or more churches are now supporting their own missionaries who are preaching Christ to the heathen. This is as it should be. But where are the churches: where are the individuals who will look up pious young men and provide the means for their education that they may the better prove themselves able ministers of the New Testament, workmen that need not to be ashamed? Can not a score of such churches and as many individuals be found in Mississippi to do this work for the glory of God and the salvation of sinners? We have the young men who need the help. Where are the helpers? In a future article we may speak of the kind of men to be helped, and the extent to which help should be given. In the meantime, let us send funds, without delay, to Rev. S. M. Ellis, the secretary and treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, at Clinton, and consider the words of the College President: "The best investment you can make of your money is to put it into a man."

This, from our neighbor across the eastern border, may have a suggestion in it for other States than Alabama. We hope, however, that there are none such among our Mississippi Baptists. Read it, brethren, and then give your sympathies to that beleaguered editor:

"Every business is being forced to cut down expenses, but the readers of a religious paper are ever urging the publishers to make further improvements. Men who never sent in a subscriber, and who never have had aught but words of criticism for the paper, are clamoring loudest for improvement. With your help the improvement will be forthcoming. Suppose the critics turn helpers for one week."—Alabama Baptist.

The Northern Methodists seem still to be on the war-path, judging by the following from the Western Recorder:

"The Southern Methodist church having, through its representatives in the Council, declined for the hundredth time to commit suicide as a church, and turn its effects over to the North, the Northern bishops could no longer restrain the full expression of their brotherly love. In a recent consultation of war, not against the world, the flesh and the devil, but against Southern Methodists, Bishop Fowler said: "They are as thoroughly rebellious as they ever were." 'That's so," said Bishop Mallalieu, and added: "We have gained the cause in Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee, and driven the Southern Methodists to their dens; and what we have done there we can do in the next belt.' The 'dens' in Louisville are very handsome large buildings, filled with congregations." To say the least of it, the Methodist millennium is not yet.

We are behind time again this week. This time it is the cold weather and a broken press, two things that not unfrequently come together. A few hours delay by broken machinery just when we are ready to go to press, or when the forms are on the press, is almost certain to put us a whole day behind. Such is the case this week. We hope it will not so occur again, but it is something over which we can have no control to prevent. Our work is done on one of the best power presses in the land, and we have a first rate pressman, yet these accidents will sometimes happen. No one regrets it more than we do. We pray for faith and patience for ourselves and our brethren.

The recent articles on Sam Jones and the W. C. T. U. in this paper by Bro. B. R. Womack have awakened considerable comment, much of which is favorable, but not all. It would seem that there are many people of his way of thinking. It may not be amiss to challenge every craft that claims to be on a Christian cruise and is floating the Christian ensign. "Everything is not gold that glitters," nor is everything Christian that seeks to wear it's plumage. Sam Jones is a public man, plies a "free lance" and is not afraid. It is doubtless a good thing for so thoughtful, pious and conservative a man as Bro. Womack to express his opinion of him. It might not retire Mr. Jones into the background, but it might serve a good purpose in aiding other people in making up a proper estimate of him and his work. Then as to the W. C. T. U., why should any of its friends be afraid? All it asks is to have the privilege of "turning on the light," and surely Sister Patton has done that well in last week's issue of the paper. We like such fair discussion and in such an amiable spirit. "Turn on the light" is a good motto. Yes, "turn on the light," it will do good.

There are two things that our Bible emphasizes with unmistakable clearness and force. One is the Christian life and the other Christian work. Then too it seems to us that the emphasis is always placed upon them in the same order; first, life and then work. Shall not we, who have the Master's word, and propose to keep it, maintain the same [illegible] service and work? Only the living Christian has a commission to work, or a promise of the Master's presence and help. In these piping days of haste when the Christian name is so broadened out as to cover all sorts of doctrines and all sorts of organizations, it may not mean much to speak of Christian Endeavor Societies. But it will always stand for something when you speak of Christian living and Christian doing.

Death has swung his inevitable and unerring scythe in the higher fields of late, both in what is called church and State. The Khedive of Egypt and the Prince Royal of England, in the latter, and Cardinals Simeoni and Manning in the former, have fallen. Men both low and high go the way of all the earth "and the mourners go about the streets.

"Make the extended sky your tomb;
Let stars record your worth;
Yet know, vain mortals all must die,
As Nature's sickliest birth."

The death of the English Prince is pathetic in the extreme on account of his youth and great promise, and also the near approach of his marriage with a young Princess in every way his equal. It is a case in which we can all sympathize.

How much money, thought, and time do we actually give for our religion? The heathen shame us by their gifts in the service of their gods. A statement is made by Rev. Mr. Noyes, of Canton, that $200,000,000 are spent annually on ancestral worship alone. He found that the ratio of gifts to income in the case of several families about which he inquired ranged from one-third, and that in no case were the gifts so small as a tithe. Yet we know that the vast majority of the Chinese are wretchedly poor, living only from hand to mouth. To say that it is impossible for Christians to give a tithe, is to say that they cannot do for Christ what the heathen do for their idols.—Christian Advocate.

Bro. A. J. Brown, of Aberdeen, goes ahead of time and renews in advance for another year, and says: "If paying in advance will help the RECORD, I am glad. I love the paper and wish it success." Such helpers are the most helpful. With enough of them this paper would soon be at "high tide."

REDUCED RATES.

The railroads running into this city have agreed, at the instance of Dr J. W. Bozeman, of the First Baptist church, to sell tickets at reduced rates to all persons attending our centennial meeting here on the 30th and 31st of this month. They are to pay full fare coming and have a reduction on the return trip.

WHO IS FIRST, SELF OR CHRIST?

This is a question most of us need to "hide in our heart," that we may not sin against our Master. No doubt many of the contentions among Christians proceed from a feeling of preference, a sort of primatic ambition that was first seen among "the twelve" and to correct which the Master gave them the wonderfully impressive object lesson of footwashing.

The spirit that actuated the Master that he inculcated on that occasion could dominate His people today and had always done so, there would have been in the past and would now be far less of conflict in [illegible] our individual relations and the practical working of our religious enterprises. The prediction of the apostle that "divisions" and "schisms" would arise, was probably the product of divine foresight; but whether it was or not, he could have safely ventured such a prophecy based on his knowledge of, if not experience, in unsanctified human nature. And surely the forecast is not wanting in fulfillment among us today. True, there may not be "divisions" and "schisms" to the extent of forming new sects and the like, but may it not be that the same old spirit that clamored to be "greatest among the twelve" has life enough in it to engender and greatly hinder our progress in carrying forward the gospel enterprises which we all hold of most vital importance?

Somehow we have always thought that the Master meant for footwashing to have some permanent place among His people, somewhere between a church ordinance and a mere act of ritualistic import. Who knows but that he meant for it to be called into use whenever his servants get full of the "self preference" spirit, that old time primacy of "who shall be greatest," forgetting the fact that they are all brethren to each other, and servants of the one blessed Master?

It seems to us that just then, whether in a convention, a church conference or a private consultation, is a good time, even the very time, when it is meant that we should suspend all other business, procure water and towels, and proceed to wash each other's feet. At any rate, we venture the suggestion that at any such time when we are under the influence of that old primatic self-preference feeling in our deliberations and discussions, if we would stop our wrangling and have carefully read to a prayerful hearing just what is said in God's book about that foot washing and the causes that led up to it, we would all think less of self and more of Christ and be in far better spirit and condition to lose sight of personal ends and set ourselves to "do all" for his honor and glory. There is one thought connected with all of this that should give us all pause and make us considerate, and that is that no one or a dozen or more individual Christians with all of their wordly interests and ambitions are more or even as much as the cause of Christ. Therefore he is the more likely to look after and prosper the greater interest. His cause and work must and will increase, even though they who zealously hinder shall decrease. Now, brethren, if we desire to come in after the fight, with the vanguard of Christ's army and not with the stragglers, let us make haste to put Christ first and self last, and then with full and honest purpose of heart move on and do our best.

COME TO MERIDIAN.

The Centennial Missionary Meeting, to be held with the First Baptist church in Meridian, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 30 and 31, has a most attractive programme, arranged by Brethren B. D Gray, of Hazlehurst, and E. B. Miller, of Grenada. Many of our ablest men from distant parts of the State, are on the programme, and they will be with us to enjoy and take part in the meeting. It is earnestly desired that a large number from the Bethlehem and Chickasaw Associations will participate. A cordial welcome and Christian hospitality await all who honor us by their presence. Come, brethren and sisters; come Friday, 29th.

J. W. BOZEMAN.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI.

Bro. M. T. Martin, of Atlanta, Ga., has consented to hold a minister's institute on the following plan: The institute to be held at some accessible point during the month of February. The preachers to pay to him a fee of $10; the church to give the ministers their board. Bro. M. and the ministers to hold night services in the interest of the church and the unconverted. This will give the preachers a month's board and tuition for $10. It will give the church a meeting on terms helpful to itself. Only four names are wanting to make it a certainty. Who will come? write me at once if you can attend. The institute will be held at a place from which we can get to our churches on Sunday. Address

R. A. COOPER,
Pontotoc, Miss.

OUR OBSERVATORY.

Rev. J. B Gambrell spent a week at Oxford with the pastor in a meeting. His preaching was greatly enjoyed by his old flock, and but for the very severe weather, together with the prevalence of grippe, the meeting would have continued for a week longer. The church was helped and seed sown which will produce fruit in the days to come.

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Rev. S. A Goodwin is writing a series of articles in *The Herald*, of Richmond, in which he is pointing out what he conceives to be some of the mistakes made in the methods of conducting our mission work in China, Rome, Mexico, Cuba, etc. Bro. Bell, of the Foreign Board, is making vigorous replies to his strictures. We predict that the discussion will do good. Let no one regard Dr. Goodwin a heretic because he speaks his mind. We believe in the freest discussion possible, and in rejecting nothing from the people.

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We note that a Baptist preacher in South Carolina recently announced as the subject of a sermon, "Eli did not go there." Well, that outdoes Sam Jones. We are sorry for any preacher who resorts to such sensational methods. When a preacher announces his subjects in the papers, it is equivalent to saying: "Wanted, a congregation, and I will do almost anything to get one." Preach the word, brethren, and believe in it. It will draw.

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Rev. H. A Tupper, Jr., resigns Broadway church, Louisville, Ky., to accept the Seventh Baptist church, Baltimore.

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Rev. W. E Hatcher who has been writing for the Baltimore Baptist for a number of years, is announced to do regular work for the Religious Herald. We presume that this means that his connection with the former ceases.

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Our North Carolina brethren are afflicted with a dollar paper, run in opposition to the Recorder. It is short lived. Already there are evidences of its demise. Meanwhile the Recorder flourishes, and was never better than it is now. Our genial Brother Bailey knows how to keep his head up and lead the great hosts of the old North State on to victory.

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We recently heard of a brother who made this objection to one of our best Baptist colleges. He said it did not make D. D's enough. Poor fellow! He ought to quit the ministry. Let the little one horse concerns have the monopoly in this business.

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The Education Society has extended the time for the Baptists of Tennessee to raise the endowment for the Southwestern University to the 20th inst.

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Rev. J. B. Hawthorne's congregation has grown to such an extent that his church contemplates rebuilding. We are not surprised. He deserves to be heard by thousands, and so does every other preacher who holds to the old fashioned gospel preached by Christ and the apostles.

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Bro. J. A. Hoyt, formerly of the Baptist Courier, has purchased the Enterprise and Mountaineer, of Greenville, S. C, and will devote his time to journalism. Bro. Hoyt is the best newspaper man in the South, and we regret that he is not in charge of a religious paper. The Mountaineer is an old paper, but we predict that its best days are before it.

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Our Board of Ministerial Education is sorely pressed for funds. Will not the churches forward funds to Bro. E. is at once?

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Prof. A. H. Whitfield, the new law professor in the University of Mississippi, is delighting his law class. He is unquestionably the man for the place, and will take great interest in his department.

THE BETTER WAY.

A man who is true to himself will be true to his fellowman. Because A differs from B in thought and doctrine, that is no reason why B should ill-treat A. In all questions of theology it is not the first person or the second person, nor Tom Jones, that we are after, but the truth. Erroneous reasoning and false statements may be met with facts and sound logic, but abuse is out of place. A man in darkness should be shown the light, but do not condemn him. A man in error, or who holds false doctrines, should hail the day of his deliverance, and not be of the same opinion still because convinced against his will. When men in theology come to this frame of mind it will not be looked upon as ruinous to differ, but it will be looked upon as the way to truth, and it will be generally conceded that diversity is unity.

W. H BOONE.

Cato, Miss., Jan. 15, 1892.

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Contains One Hundred Recipes for making delicious Candy cheaply and quickly at home. This book is given away at drug and general stores.

"TURN ON THE LIGHT."

B. R. WORMACK.

My good friend, R. C. Patton, thinks I am very much in the dark in regard to the organization known as W. C. T. U. and "turns on the light." It is true, I do not know much about it, nothing in fact, except what I gather from W. C. T. U. literature. As my friend contradicts nothing I said and adds nothing important to what I said, I am encouraged to believe I said nothing that is not true, and succeeded in representing the W. C. T. U. in the true light. That is what I aimed to do, and I am pleased that an able representative of the W. C. T. U. agrees with me. I have no enmity against the good people of the W. C. T. U. In fact, in my article I said nothing unkind about them. I was just telling the other sisters some of the things that society teaches, that is all. I think I ought to be thanked for doing that service; for there are scores and scores of people who do not know what W. C. T. U. literature does teach, and I have no doubt but that many good women go with the W. C. T. U. before they know that it teaches anything but temperance in regard to the use of intoxicants.

But notice a few statements in my good sister's well written letter, and it will be seen she says more than she means, though she wrote in a sweet Christian spirit, God bless her.

She says: "The W. C. T. U. is the most powerful organization the world has ever known." That is a sweeping statement and we all know she said more than she meant. Mankind and womankind differ from that and say that the church institution set up by Jesus Christ and the Apostles, is the "most powerful organization the world has ever known."

Then she says: "The most active workers (in W. C. T. U.) will be found equally zealous in other works of the Lord." I am glad she uses the future tense, and I hope the prophecy will prove true. I know a good sister, capable of much usefulness in the church, who never goes to church at all, has nothing to do with it, but when a female lecturer on temperance came to the place she was all interest on temperance. She did not go to church before, nor after a W. C. T. U. was organized in her town. I hope that ere long she "will be found equally zealous in the" work of the church."

My good Sister Patton quotes approvingly from the great Gough, as follows: "The society (W. C. T. U.) is doing more to advance the cause of temperance than all other agencies combined." Mr. Gough doubtless said that, but no Baptist can afford to say it, in fact, it would seem no Christian could afford to say such a thing. The ideal Jesus Christ, his gospel, his churches sink into insignificance in comparison the with W. C. T. U.

My good sister says further: "We would do all in our power to bring the churches into full sympathy with our work." No doubt the churches would like to bring the W. C. T. U. people "into full sympathy" with their work. Of course our sister does not mean just what these words imply. It must be confessed on all hands that the church of Christ is the best, most perfect temperance organization in the world, and all temperance sentiment, and effort, and work, and good that has ever been done, have grown out of the churches of Christ.

Our good sister comes right out and says what those "way up yonder in the North," who are not Baptists and who do not know much about a true church have been saying, viz: "The enemy we have most to fear is the one of our own household, the houshold of faith." Other people can say hard things about the church, but Baptists never. The idea of the church of the Lord Jesus being opposed to temperance.

Our good sister resolves, "we will stand by it (the W. C. T. U.) politics or no politics." Why, certainly, my sister, that is what they, "away up yonder in the North" say; but can good Southern Baptists say such a thing? Think about it awhile. You know Mrs. Gougar said the only way they could get Southern women to take the pill of Third partyism and woman suffrage was to sugar-coat it with temperance, yea, Christian temperance. Is it true that any of us have gone so far in the doctrines of this school, that it is no longer necessary to coat that pill?

Our sister informs us by saying: "No Southern State has adopted the department of franchise." She means by this, that the W. C. T. U. has not in any Southern State formally adopted the doctrine of woman suffrage. And that is true, but the State organ of Mississippi W. C. T. U teaches woman suffrage with much energy. They all take and circulate that paper, and never say anything against the doctrines it teaches. If Mississippi women do not want to swallow that pill they ought not to take that paper and extend its circulation.

I may say a thing or two in conclusion.

1. No doubt it is wise and will serve a good purpose to "turn on the light." Let the light shine.

2. I am no controversialist; most certainly, I would not engage in logomachy with a good sister. I have not written this, therefore, in that kind of spirit,

3. I would not oppose any good work. Temperance is a good work. I would urge every church in the land to vigorous activity in evangelizing the world. Get everybody converted and in the churches and then [illegible] the use of intoxicating liquors, but in money-getting, law-making and other things. Yes, then we would all take wings and fly away home.

CENSUS NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, Census Office, Plainfield, N. J., January 12, 1892.

Editor Record.

Will you kindly allow me through your columns to make an earnest appeal to officers of the following Baptist Associations in Mississippi, or to any others who are in a position to give statistical information concerning them? I have received full returns for all the Associations in the State except the following:

ASSOCIATIONS. (WHITE).

Deer Creek, Ebenezer 2nd, Fair River, General, Harmony, Liberty, Macedonia, Magee's Creek, Mississippi River, Oxford, Pearl Leaf, Sipsey, South Eastern, Sulphur, Tishomingo, Yazoo,

ASSOCIATIONS. (COLORED).

Adams County, Brookhaven, Enterprise 2nd, Grenada, Holly Springs, Jackson, Homo Chitto, Lebanon, Little Mount Olive, Madison County, New Hope, Spring Hill, St. John, Union Baptist, Warren County, Whitfield.

I have made every effort to secure returns of these Associations and have thus far failed. I need not say that the Census report of the Baptist Churches will be very incomplete unless I can obtain the statistics of these Associations. The facts I need are the following:

Location—city, town or village, and county—whether there is an edifice; if so, its seating capacity and value, and the number of communicants. If the congregation meets in a hall or schoolhouse I should like to have the fact stated, and the seating capacity given as near as possible.

If any of the officers of these Associations cannot furnish the necessary information I should be glad if the pastors or clerks of the various congregations would send me the returns for their particular congregations, stating plainly the name of the Association with which they are connected, and the name of the county in which they are situated. If the information cannot readily be obtained I should like very much to have a copy of the latest minutes of each of these Associations.

I may say that the returns of all other denominations in the United States are practically complete, and it depends on those who have official connection with the number of Baptist Associations whether the statistics of that denomination shall be complete or imperfect.

The work of this division must be closed up within a very short time, and I hope there may be an immediate response.

If those who have copies of minutes to forward will kindly give me their address on a postal card I will send a Government envelope by which they can forward the minutes without cost of postage.

Very respectfully,
H. K. CARROLL,
Special Agent Eleventh Census.

A WORD FROM BRO. J. J. GREEN.

MONTGOMERY, Miss., Jan. 9, '92.

DEAR RECORD:—A new year finds me pleasantly domiciled in the vicinity of Mount Zion church, giving one half of my time to this church and the other half to New Providence and Peidmont. With heart full of thanks to my dear people for the many tokens of their high esteem and love, and to God for His love and mercy; with a heart burdened for the salvation of the lost, and more consecration to God in the lives of His children; with faith in the rich promises of the Lord, and with a great desire in Christ's name to be more useful, I most cheerfully enter on a new year's work for the Master.

My correspondents will address me at Montgomery, Miss.

J. JASPER GREEN.

The Havana Baptist meeting house has been paid for, and Drs. Tichenor and Jones are happy. Now, let Christians everywhere pray for the complete evangelization of Cuba.

SOME THINGS TAKEN

[illegible]

you hail so much. When you go out to your business or to your work, you [illegible]

NOTICE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—There will be [illegible] of the Coldwater Baptist Association, Friday before the fifth Sabbath in January 1892, convening with Gray's Creek Baptist church, [illegible] county, Miss., five miles southeast of Hernando, Miss.

A very interesting programme has been prepared, and of course the query box will be on the table. So [illegible] this meeting [illegible]

JNO. THOMPSON,
Secretary.

[illegible] AND GOSSIP FROM ABROAD.

[illegible] Farmers' Alliance, it is reported, [illegible] introduced in Germany.

[illegible] in Berlin are said to have [illegible] per cent in the last 10 years.

A cargo of over 300 half breed horses has been sent to England from the Argentine Republic.

Justice Stephen, who has retired from the English bench, will receive a pension of $25,000 a year.

The value of live animals imported into Great Britain last year was $50,081,665, against $41,860,435 in 1889.

A London philanthropic idea is that of giving the workingman music in his dinner hour. It is said to have resulted in great success.

General Booth's shelter fund has reached $550,000, and that large class in darkest England who have no roofs begin to be encouraged.

Out of $163,000,000 paid by the United Kingdom in 1890 for imports of breadstuffs only $30,000,000 went to her own colonies, including India.

The correspondent of a Scotch evening paper complains of a clergyman who, after preaching for 65 minutes, gave out the hymn, "Art Thou Weary?"

[illegible] M'Mahon, an American, has patented in Europe a nitroglycerine shell which can be thrown 10 miles from a cannon with ordinary black powder.

[illegible] has begun to ship eggs to the [illegible], but as yet the quantity [illegible] inconsiderable. The eggs are six weeks at least aboard ship between Australian and British ports.

[illegible] for dogs is to be erected at Odessa, by the Black Sea. Incurable [illegible] a great lover of dogs, is the founder.

Already with the success of the London Paris telephone the London electrical papers are talking of a telephone between the United States and Great Britain. It is believed that the mechanical difficulties may be overcome.

[illegible] ship canal to connect Venice with the Gulf of Spezia is now under consideration in Italy. Its length, according to [illegible] estimates, would be 273 kilometers (about 170 miles) and its average width 75 meters (about 246 feet). There [illegible] in all 73 locks, and the cost of [illegible] is estimated at about $260,-[illegible]

EXODUS 21, 28, 29

If an ox gore a man or a woman, [illegible] then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit, (acquitted.)

But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

[illegible]

[illegible]

An ox gores a man, so he dies, and the owner of the ox must suffer death for it.

The life of a man, taken to pay for the mischief done by an ox! Yes. Will it not be a sufficient compensation in the eye of justice, to kill the ox and thus secure the people against the repetition of like mischief, and [illegible] the owner? That would [illegible] the public against that ox; it [illegible]

[illegible]

But you say he does not entice anyone. So. But what is the difference between enticing one into a deadfall and the placing of a blind trapdoor in a walk over which persons are constantly passing, knowing that he who first places his foot upon it will be precipitated into death? Or that the probabilities are, that death will ensue to the person who first sets his foot upon the trapdoor? Is there any difference in the moral character of the actions?

Civilization, as it is called, has refined its analysis of the moral quality of the act of homicide, down to the "thilleenth of nothing," when it says that the man who drives his horse madly into a dense crowd of people, and tramples to death two or three persons moved by no special motive, is guilty of murder in the second degree only; but the man who deliberately, premeditatedly, and with malice, aforethought, kills his enemy, is guilty of murder in the first degree.

I think, that he who recklessly but wilfully scatters dynamite here and there, reckless of who, and how many are killed, is far more dangerous to society, far less worthy of life and has a far blacker heart than the man who harbors malice against one only, and whose malice is appeased by the death of one only—and that satisfied, he is prepared to dwell at peace with his neighbors, and may be counted on to do his duties as a neighbor and a citizen.

The other is a devil incarnate.

A spark from a passing railroad engine falls upon the roof of a house near the road, kindles a fire, the house is consumed. The railroad company pays for it. A dude traversing a side-walk in a town throws off his burning cigar, it falls among leaves around a dwelling, starts a fire, the house is consumed—the dude must pay the damage. A carpenter working on the roof of a house, whose eaves hang over the pavement of the side-walk, knows that persons are passing constantly, yet recklessly and wilfully throws down a piece of timber, which falling upon a person kills him, is adjudged a murderer. In short, a man is responsible in damages for all loss, injury and distress, which accrues to any one from his act, whether wilful or not—whether to person, property or reputation.

This is civil law, and not less is it moral law. Whatever damage A inflicts on B it is his duty to compensate the injured party by making reparation, if reparation can be made; and if there can be no sufficient compensation either from the nature of the injury, or inability of trespasser. Then, the State in accordance with its parental or fiduciary relation to the injured party, assumes the injury as done herself, and exacts such power and measure of compensation, as she judges most fit, most adequate, best adapted to vindicate the honor of the State, and to promote the peace, prosperity and happiness of the body politic.

Where is this death dealing ox, running at large, goring even to death, men, women and youths?

The whisky saloon is the long-horned, death dealing ox.

Who owns this ox? The State owns the ox, and hires him out to her citizens, who, each for himself, by paying the State a small sum of money, has the privilege of using the ox, and may allow the animal to run at large, goring to death thousands of valuable men, and reducing to beggary and temporal ruin, thousands of pure, holy and lovely women, saturating with deadly poison the very formation of manhood, manufacturing victims for the prison, the grave and for eternal torment.

Will God Almighty allow the owner of this hideous, long-horned, blood-stained creature to go unwhipped of justice?

Could any amount of gold and silver paid to the State, be a suitable and adequate compensation, for the injury inflicted upon the body of the citizenship by this long-horned, death dealing ox, the whisky saloon?

If the coming Legislature will do nothing more to protect her people against this long-horned, deadly ox, only that they may grant us this favor: require saloon-keepers under a heavy penalty, that they keep their doors open, making the inside outside, and that they be required also for a sign and a warning, of what is going on within, to keep suspended or at their front doors, the life size likeness of this deadly long-horned ox. Then all will be forewarned.

Tear away all disguises, all secrecy; let the wife in passing be able to look in and see the husband if he be there or her "wandering boy," if he be there.

Privacy, secrecy, O, what a cloak for evil! What a shield of protection for the transgressor against the danger of righteous scorn and condemnation.

"O Israel prepare to meet thy God."

H.

AFRICA AS A MISSION FIELD.

NO. 3.

The whirling of time works many changes in all classes of society, causing nations, like individuals to have periods of depression as well as times of good cheer and joy. Times when great and weighty questions, involving the destines of both church and State, stirring the ingredients of each from its very depths; there are times again when the greatest motion in either is the mere struggle for existence.

This same whirling has worked many changes among the several nations of Africa. Through all these past rolling ages, kingdoms have risen and fallen, empires have risen, stood and crumbled into dust and even the very seeds of some of those old ancient nations have completely passed away to their long homes.

I beg you to-day to take an imaginary journey through Southern Egypt. That old country of a hundred histories; a country, the memory of whose past glory will ever brighten the pages of general history, and furnish entertainment in Christian homes.

Its valleys are more densely populated than the hills, and are the spawn-beds of malaria and typhoid-pneumoniated fevers. There are no learned sons of Æsculapius in the land and the knowledge and practice of medicines is of the crudest sort.

But the medicinal resources of the country are great, as the land abounds in numerous plants and herbs of high medical properties, conspicuous among which is the theppa; scento; voumba; pomegranates and the terrible poison umdrombid. Could the true science of medicine replace that of the now prevalent false superstitions, in a few years hence Southern Egypt would give to the world the most able physicians on the globe And could Christian civilizations, high cultured agricultural implements replace the ponderous, unweildy ones of the savage, the farmers of that land would be the most wealthy of the earth.

LADIES
Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints.

CENTENNIAL MISSIONARY MEETING

In the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss., Jan. 30 31, 1892. J. A Hackett, presiding.

SATURDAY MORNING.

9:30 10—Opening exercises, and address on Bible Authority for Missions—A. A. Lomax.

10-10:20—Prayer for Our Country.

10:20-10:40—Home Missions and our Great Cities—J. B. Gambrell.

10:40-11—Home Missions and Papal North America—A. J. Miller.

11-11:20—Prayer that Mississippi Baptists may receive the Holy Spirit in Home Mission Work.

11:20-12:30—Magnitude and Importance of Home Missions—Open discussion—J. W. Lee, M. V. Noffsinger, J. W. Bozeman, J. T. Christian, W. T. Lowrey, J. L. Johnson, T. G. Sellers, G. H. Carter and others in 5 to 7 minute speeches.

SUNDAY MORNING.

9:30 9:50—Devotional Exercises.

9:50-10:15—Judson, the Apostle of Bumah—Paper by Miss M. M. Larkey.

10:15-10:40—William Carey, Pioneer of Modern Missions—J. Bozeman.

10:40 10:50—Prayer and song.

10:50 11:15—The Providence of God in Missions, I. H. Anding.

11:15-11:50—Centennial of Missions by Centennial Committee.

11:50-12:00—Prayer and song.

12-12:30—That $12,000 from Mississippi Baptists for Foreign Missions this Year, J. T. Christian.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30-3:00—Home Missions and the Negro Problem, W. T. Lowrey.

3-3:10—Prayer for the evangelization of Cuba.

3:10-3:30—Home Missions and Our English Speaking Population, J. L. Johnson.

3:30-3:50—Home Missions and Our Foreign Population, J. T. Christian.

3:50-4:10—Home Missions and the Cubans, J. W. Lee.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

7-7:25—Personal Responsibility in Mission Work, in Praying, Giving and Going, J. B. Gambrell and others.

7:25-7:45—The Holy Spirit and Missions, O. D. Bowen.

7:45-8:30—Foreign Mission Fields of the Southern Baptist Convention, Africa, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico, W. J. David and others.

Benediction.

LENGTHEN THY CORDS AND STRENGTHEN THY STAKES —ISA. 54:2.

The words above are a part of the text used by William Carey when he preached the sermon that started the foreign mission movement among the Baptists one hundred years ago, which movement has aroused every other religious denomination, until to-day hundreds of thousands of dollars are being expended annually in sending the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. But still the cry comes over the sea, "The heathen are dying without Christ," and those on the watch tower continue saying: "Lengthen the lines." One often feels like saying: How long "shall the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things?" How long till "the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep?" It seems that to the cry for the heathen "there is no end." One hundred years of labor, privation and suffering, and still millions of accountable beings who have never heard of Christ. What shall we do? Stop our work? No; the text still says: "Lengthen the lines." The commission still says: "Preach the gospel to every creature." Therefore, we cannot stop until we lay our armor down for the shroud of the dead, or hear the shout from Heaven, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ." But, says one: "We have pulled now, to 'lengthen the lines,' until our hands are tired and our strength is failing." I know it, brother, but don't turn loose. Hold on and cry for help. You remember when the Israelites were fighting, God gave them the victory so long as Moses held up his hands; but when Moses' hands went down, the battle turned. No one could take Moses' place. He had to hold on to the staff, but when his strength failed he called for help, and Aaron and Kur held up his hands till they heard the shout of victory over the Amalekites. Hold on to the line. God has said: "In due season we shall reap if we faint not." Cry for help! The time of real need is the time to arouse the sympathy and gain the help of Brother "Hardtimes" and Sister "Shortcrop." Times are hard, crops are short, and prices are low; but I have been acquainted with Brother "Hardtimes" and Sister "Shortcrop" long enough to know that they have in their hearts love for the cause of their Master and Lord; and that out of their scanty living they will give to "lengthen the lines" of the gospel road until they can work no more. I have known Brother "Hardtimes" to give to "lengthen the lines" of gospel truth when his own family lacked the real comforts of life; and he will do it again. Hold on, you who have been pulling the lines, and cry for help in this time of need, and let us "lengthen the lines" at least ten fold in this centennial of missions. Cry to those Baptists who have not been giving to the spread of the gospel, that if they will give just fifty cents apiece this year for missions and ministerial education, and those who have been giving will continue as in the past, Mississippi Baptists will "lengthen the lines" fifty fold. Just think of it, brother; if Mississippi Baptists would just give fifty cents apiece for missions and ministerial education this year, Mississippi alone would give $41,766, instead of $17,789, as last year. Times are hard, but we can stretch the lines wonderfully if all of us, out of our abounding poverty, will only give one cent a week. I believe in giving one tenth to all religious purposes, but fifty cents apiece from every one, for all missions, ministerial education and college support combined, would more than double our last year's work.

STRENGTHEN THE STAKES.

I think this expression may be used by way of caution. Heavy pulling at the lines will, or should, naturally make one think of the "stakes." If the lines are stretched and the stakes give way, there is sure to be a fall at the far end. So, let us examine the stakes. And not only examine them, but drive them deeper into the foundation and see that they are well braced. There is danger in this day of "gospel extension," that we set our minds so much on the work abroad, the evangelization of the nations, that we will neglect the necessary work at home. Not only home missions, but the strengthening of the churches. While we draw out the sympathy of Christians for the heathen, let us be careful not to neglect the preaching of the other doctrines of the scriptures clearly and often. Letting the churches represent the stakes from which the lines are extended, let us see to it that they are continually strengthened with all the doctrines of God's word. "Strengthen the stakes" is fully as necessary, just now, as lengthening the lines. In some things there is a giving way which should cause alarm. We hear but little earnest contending "for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." I believe that if the Lord should speak to us just now, as we are stretching the lines for the uttermost "ends of the earth," He would say, "Strengthen the stakes." Brethren, it was written once, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, "Take heed to thyself and to the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." And we will do well to remember it, repeat it and heed it.

One other thought. Solomon wrote: "They made me the keeper of the vineyards, but mine own vineyard have I not kept." A man is a poor provider who neglects his own home for the home of others. May it not be that way with us as Christians, unless we give more attention to home mission work? In our vineyard the rank weeds of Catholicism are coming thick. And not only that ism, but every other ism, is being brought and planted among us from foreign lands. While we "lengthen the lines," let us "strengthen the stakes" and cultivate the vineyard at home.

E. L. WESSON.

FROM WESTERN ARKANSAS

Two counties south of Fort Smith, and bordering on the Indian country, is Polk county. This is the highest and healthiest section south of the Arkansas river. Ten or a dozen small rivers run from the border of this county to every point of the compass. The court house is very near the center, and in a lovely valley. The mountains are in sight in every direction. Quite a high range borders the county on the north. Two gaps in this range afford roads to the north. The railroads are all around us; have not reached us yet, but in the near future necessity will push them up these rivers, and they must cross each other in this beautiful valley. And then, as sure as this is the high part of the world, so surely will a city be built hereabouts.

Twenty-five years my home was in the valley of Arkansas river. But my health failed; worse than that, my wife's health failed. None of the children were grown, but seven and a half years ago I said to my oldest boy—now a Baptist pastor in Louisiana: "Stay here with the younger children; I must take your mother to the mountains, or you will soon have no mother. Often we had heard of the big springs, bottom land, native raspberries and fine apples on top of Rich Mountain, on the north border. Off we went, and reached the summit of this grand mountain a little before dark. Friday. Here we found big springs, bottom soil, apple trees and native raspberry vines ten and twelve feet high. And there were several houses on the mountain, one with an observatory on it, in which had once been a post-office and a printing office, on a small scale. But for all this, the hotel at which we put up could not furnish supper for us, nor for our horses; and breakfast consisted of corn dodger and bran coffee; and if I tell the rest, I must say I slept with my boots on from fear of rattlesnakes—my wife, two babies, myself and two other preachers all on the same pallet. My purpose had been to leave my wife and twin babies with these mountaineers in the clouds. But, you see, that could not be; and we would have turned our hungry ponies towards our old home, but I had sent an appointment for Sabbath to Dallas, the county site, and to it we must go. Down, down, down we went to the valley below. Here we saw clear running streams, sweet-gum, pine, walnut, beach and holly, and the friend of our youth, the mud chimney. We began to breathe better, as everything looked so much like old Mississippi, except the rock and the mountains in sight. [I refer to the Copiah region of Mississippi, where my wife was raised.]

Just as we went into Dallas we passed Bethesda Springs. We drank, and during the four days that I preached in Dallas I took my wife twice each day to the Springs. Then she said: "Something has helped me." I left her there three weeks and returned to the children and to my work. When we met again she was much improved.

We had no thought of living either in Dallas or Bethesda, but necessity seemed to command us to the mountains somewhere. Very unexpectedly we were invited to come and live in the mammoth hotel at Bethesda then not occupied—and without paying any rent. This looked like providence, and we accepted. We lived there a year. Later on the Methodists occupied it for a high school, and last May the building burned and their school [illegible]

Seven years ago next June I became pastor of what was called Dallas Baptist church. We joined the little band. I preached the best I knew how for five years, and brought in the best preachers to help me that I could get, but there was not a conversion during these years. And no wonder, for no member of the church ever proposed to pay a cent to the pastor. I collected a little money for the helping preachers and for foreign missions. But there are people who think if they can go to meeting, the preacher can afford to preach, and anything said to them about paying tends to "hinder the gospel."

The years kept going; time would not stop. No prayer-meeting; not a member could pray in meeting, nor in the family. We had a name to live, it was true. I thought of the [illegible] of Job's troubles, of poor David's experience, "My soul is cast down." I remembered that Noah did not make a convert, that Elijah said, "I alone am left," and that Judson and Carey waited long seven years for their great work to take a start. I prayed God to give me health and let me go somewhere; but I feared to go lest my health and my wife's should fail again. I prayed daily that He would give us a token for good. I had never labored in such a hard field before.

We had a town Sunday School, led by a Methodist. The children must go. I suggested to my wife that it was better for Baptists to teach their Sunday School literature than to have it taught by others. She became a teacher in the union Sunday School, and was constant. Years followed by, our church gained a little, and finally all the teachers in the school were Baptists. Then the old Methodist superintendent came to me and said: "I would like for the Baptists to take the Sunday School. My pastor and the Presbyterian pastor both agree with me." The Baptists took the school, and it is now called a Baptist Sunday School, but we have no Baptist house [illegible]

[illegible] great darkness has passed. God is beginning to encourage us. We now have some working members. While I was at Birmingham our Baptist Church (without hinting anything to me about it) raised $75 for the pastor. During the year the church doubled her membership. Now some of our members pay "a tenth of all." Some widowed sisters often walk two and a half and five miles to Sunday School and church. We have a weekly prayer-meeting conducted by the members and well attended. And we have a day school, under the direction of our church. Like most small towns, it has proved almost impossible to keep a regular school here; so that we came to believe that God, who gave us the Sabbath School, intended for us to have a day school, so we started it in the name of our church. And in less than a month an Indian preacher, who had long attended a school among his people, came to enter our school. He came on foot, without a dollar or a change of clothes. But he wished to learn English, and felt that the best way to do this was to be among people who speak nothing else. Here stood a poor brother without money asking admittance. Of course we took him in, feeling sure the Lord's hand was in it. He is learning, so that now he can recite his verses at breakfast, (all our children do this every morning) and he can read a little in Sabbath School. He is a Choctaw, and his people are near us.

Thus we feel that providence sent us here—forced us to remain; and after trying us His own time, He has begun to show us that He intends to plant His name here. He gave us a Sabbath School, a prayer-meeting, a day school, and we are praying that He will give us a house as a home for our church, our prayer-meeting and our schools. He has given us some members who love to give, to attend the meetings, who worship God in their families, and will not travel on the Lord's Day. Surely He will give all we need. Pray for us. Come to see us.

New Year's Day it was cold and rainy, but we went to church fasting, and had a precious meeting.

E. L. COMPERE.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

Washington, D. C. January 8, 1892.

The United States Navy Revival attracts no little attention in Europe and especially in England. The St. James's Gazette of London says "the Americans are making a steady and surprising progress toward becoming a great naval power." English experts are comparing the New York with the Blenheim and the Blake and some of them admit that the former can steam faster and throw more metal than any British vessel of the same class. This however is not the only time our naval achievements have surprised our English cousins.

The Mianotomah this week is at Gardiners Bay trying her four ten inch breech-loading guns that throw a 500 pound shell by the explosion of 250 pounds of powder. These guns were made at the Washington Navy Yard. She also carries lighter rapid-firing guns. She is not a new vessel. In 1866 she steamed into British waters and stirred naval and official circles there something as an overhead hawk flutters a flock of barnyard fowls. The British had, prior to that date, made light of the vessels of the Monitor class, never having properly appreciated the famous pioneer that fought the Merrimac in Hampton Roads, and subsequently foundered off Cape Hatteras. But the Mianotomah with her hull below water and her low turrets and deadly guns silently moving among British war vessels in a British harbor was an alarming object lesson. Under this stimulus England built an iron clad designed by an inventor named Cowles which craft subsequently upset off the cost of Spain, and carried down to the bottom five hundred men, including the rash inventor who claimed the honor due to Ericsson. The Mianotomah having crossed the ocean safely could probably double Cape Horn, though she is not likely to make the attempt.

Iron Clads and Heavy Guns are expensive luxuries and notwithstanding our pride in a young and growing navy we ought in some way make our vessels commercially useful in time of peace. No large standing army is wanted nor a vast, expensive and unproductive war navy. Let ship building for the carrying trade and for the peaceful pursuits be revived by legislation that will put the stars and stripes at the mast head in every port of the world.

NEW YEARS DAY

in this city was so sunny and mild that overcoats were discarded by callers and inveterate croquet players knocked the balls about from morning until night. Official receptions were crowded, but not private ones. Fashion is frowning upon the time honored custom and fewer than ever opened their doors this year to miscellaneous callers. Heretofore it has been the practice of young men and those not so young to hire a carriage and rush about town all day and far into night or until overcome with wine. And silly young fellows who carry their canes by the middle and stick out their elbows have done the same on foot. Fewer people however now offer wine, and the number that hang baskets at the door yearly increases. The custom of new years calling stripped of excesses and absurdities is a good one.

SOCIAL DRINKING

and drunkenness is decreasing. Drinking to excess among public men is much rarer than formerly. There are no notorious drunkards in Congress as in old times. Open liquor selling is excluded from the Capitol. One reform however remains to be accomplished by Congress and that is the cutting off of the wine and liquor bills of funeral parties. Here is a very proper field for retrenchment.

PROHIBITION.

Congress not only prohibits liquor selling in the Capitol, but has prohibited the sale of intoxicants within a mile of the Soldiers' Home, the boundary line running through the most densely peopled portion of the city. The District commissioners also in the exercise of their discretion have practically prohibited the sale of liquor in a section of the city called "Hells Bottom." Thus we have prohibition in spots.

HELLS BOTTOM

was a product of war times and has been a disgrace to the city. Three murders by half drunken men were committed in this place in rapid succession not many months since. The section is however greatly improved in decency particully since the recent routing out of the occupants of certain infamous dens and the substitution of a Young Men's Christian Association. The spot is closely hemmed in by four large colored churches which have done good work in purifying the pit. But curiously enough the pastor of one of them says that the low saloons and dives are a curse, yet insists that the commissioners discriminate against his people by closeing them.

QUEER LEGISLATION.

Congress passed a law that only ex-soldiers should be appointed as policemen in this District. It is now impossible to find soldiers of the late war young and vigorous enough for the duties. A recent immigrant after a few days service of some sort in the army resigned and received an appointment on the police force and thereupon proceeded to get drunk and flourish his revolver In his tipsy rampage he shot down a sober and quiet one armed soldier. And see how couriously the law works. The old soldier could not serve as a policeman because of his age. His son is excluded by the law for he was never in the army, but this drunken importation found no difficulty in getting an appointment. Judge Miller at the preliminary hearing held the officer for trial and remarked that every policeman whose breath smelt of liquor ought to be discharged.

SECRETARY BLAINE'S

attack of indigestion Wednesday excited many rumors here, but it appears not to have been serious. It was caused by overwork, want of exercise and high living. The stomach of a healthy babe refuses to retain a surplus; and the Secretary is to be congratulated that mother nature cares for him in the same way. The Chili and fisheries question have caused him no little labor. In the Bering Sea matter the British Government have asked for seven arbitrators instead of three at first proposed and thereby caused delay.

STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES

is the name of the little fellow who causes the grip according to the researches of Dr. Pfeiffer of Berlin. His more common name is bacillus, microbe or germ, and he is said to be the smallest of that very small tribe. Now that he has been found out, let us hope that he can be punished.

CAPITAL.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

When Willie's mother charged him not to stop to play on his way to school, he fully intended to obey her; for he knew he would be kept in at recess if he was late in getting to school, and his mother had promised he might spend Saturday with his cousins over the creek if he was a good boy for two whole weeks. This was the last day, and his lessons and deportment had been marked perfect every day. So when his mother said:

"Run along now, Willie, and don't be late," he deemed the injunction entirely unnecessary. Full of a high resolve to score another perfect day, he did very well till he came to the mill-pond. If that mill-pond had only been somewhere else. It was always a temptation and a snare to boys on their way to school.

On this particular morning, as Willie went by, some men were preparing to launch a flat boat. All the week the boy had been wondering how they were going to get that thing into the water. They had made it bottom side up, and away up on the bank, too, and how they were going to turn it over and get it into the water were questions that puzzled him no little.

Two parallel lines of long poles were placed on the sloping bank, and on these the boat was slidden into the water. Willie watched the process with breathless interest, and when at last the great vessel floated in the water he heaved a sigh of relief and glanced uneasily at the sun that was climbing up the eastern sky. But now they began to talk of turning it over.

"How long will it take?" he asked of one of the men.

"Only a few minutes," was the reply.

They began to shovel dirt upon one edge of the bottom, and pretty soon that side went under. Some men were already in the water, and others had ropes fastened to the other side of the boat. When one side went down the men pulled their ropes and those in the water lifted all they could at the upper side, and presently the great thing stood on one gunwale, and then came slowly down right side up, but full of water. With buckets the men began dipping out the water, but Willie dared stay no longer, so away he ran. But, alas! he had loitered too long already, and when he reached the school house the recitations had begun.

He was kept in at recess, and consequently forfeited his visit to his cousins. He never forgot that time waits for nobody, and that the performance of duty is the only sure road to success and happiness.

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"TOO MANY OF WE."

A TRUE STORY.

"Mamma, is there too many of we?"
The little girl asked with a sigh.
"Perhaps you wouldn't be tired, you see,
If a few of your childs could die."

She was only three years old—the one
Who spoke in that strange, sad way,
As she saw her mother's impatient frown
At the children's boisterous play.

There were half-a-dozen who round her stood,
And the mother was sick and poor,
Worn out with the care of the noisy brood,
And the fight with the wolf at the door.

For a smile or a kiss, no time, no place;
For the little one, least of all;
And the shadow that darkened the mother's face
O'er the young life seemed to fall.

More thoughtful than any she felt more care
And pondered in childish way
How to lighten the burdens she could not bare,
[illegible] by day.

Only a week, and a little [illegible]
In her tiny, white [illegible]
Lay with blue eyes closed, and the sunny hair
Cut close from the golden head.

—SELECTED.

WOMAN'S WORK.

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—ADELE M. FIELD.

Swatow, China.

FOOT BINDING IN CHINA.

[illegible] occasioned by the process. Little girls grow pale, thin and weak under the ordeal.

Missionaries have found it difficult to know what to do with this deep-seated custom. One says: "I believe the most beneficial influence can be exerted by missionary ladies who are in earnest in this matter. A great effort has been made to abolish the practice among native Christians. A Chinese expressed himself thus in regard to it: "Now I think when the Holy Spirit comes down on China, giving men and women to know the Jesus doctrines, this custom of binding feet will of itself disappear." In many places the prejudice is giving way, and there is great hope that the introduction of Christianity will become effectual to remove this heathenish custom.—Baptist Reflector.

SUBJECT FOR JANUARY—CHINA.

ITEMS.

"In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver and idols of gold, to the moles and the bats." Missionaries, 43; native assistants and Bible women, 21; stations, 52; churches, 14; members, 790; baptisms for the year, 98; schools, 16; contributions for the year from native Christians, $890.09.

A VAST EMPIRE FOR OUR KING.

There are in China and the neighboring countries, not less, and probably more, than four hundred millions of Chinese! Pause and think—almost one third of the human race, who all have the same written language, into which the whole Bible has been already translated. These dignified, industrious Chinese are a reading people, fond of literary pursuits, and they will peruse with avidity "the Sacred Books" of the foreigners they are learning every year to respect more and more, or at least to regard with less suspicion than formerly. They see these foreign teachers have "come to stay," and that they come to do them good, to help their wives and children, to heal their sick, and bestow benefits upon them, not to get their money, or take possession of their country as they feared. Of course there are still, as everywhere, disaffected, riotous people, who try to cause disturbances, and would "turn the world upside down" if they could, but as our missionaries get farther and farther into the interior, and Christian women go into their homes and tell the dear "old story" that has been drawing hearts and bringing joy and peace into troubled lives ever since the first Christmas carols were sung by the angels as the incarnate Savior was born in Bethlehem, Chinese men and women and bright-eyed children take up the strain and join in the precious [illegible] "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will to men."

The long-sealed portals of the whole vast empire are now thrown wide open to the entrance of the Bible and the missionary; can go everywhere preaching the word, not under protest, as formerly, but protected by Imperial Edicts and the new relations of China to the great powers of the world. There is absolutely nothing to hinder the good news of salvation from being preached throughout the entire realm of China, nothing but the lack of men and money, and as fast as these are supplied by the churches at home, just so fast will God's truth be sown broadcast in this vast empire. It is "the entrance of this Word that giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple," and the promise stands sure, "My Word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Our greatest encouragement is in the pledged promise of Him who, having spoken, will surely bring it to pass. Let our faith lay hold upon this, and make mightier efforts than ever before to win China to our King. Let us pray more, give more, and toil more with reference to this end, and this centennial year shall witness wonderful triumphs that shall cause the risen Redeemer to "see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied."

Despite the growth of the past few years, and the considerable number of missionaries recently added to the forces in the field, a few facts will show how great the destitution that still remains in China. The most favored province is Fuh Kien, which has a population of ten millions, with sixty missionaries, or about one preacher to 167,000 souls. The same proportion would give Baltimore not quite three ministers, and Richmond one minister for less than half its time. The least favored province is Hunan, which has a population of sixteen millions without a single missionary living among them.

Yet there are signs of promise in the present aspect of missions even in China. Early in the year the Emperor issued an edict in which he speaks of the missionaries as "the guests of the nation." This, to an Oriental, means a pledge of good faith and hospitality to be limited only by the ability of the host. The edict asserts also that "as the missionaries come to teach morals, they must not be interfered with," and influential Chinese have recently sent to the throne a petition that Western studies be added to the role that must be pursued by all seeking degrees."

During the last ten years the gain in converts has been 120 per cent over the entire period since the beginning of Protestant missions in China.

Another feature of wonderful encouragement is the movement known as "Woman's Work for Woman." The great importance of reaching the wives and mothers of the people, and the difficulty of access to them by male missionaries, calls for special work by women. Christian women at home have entered with enthusiasm into this department of missionary effort, and all over our favored land women's societies and children's bands are doing a mighty work, that God has honored and is continually blessing in China and other foreign lands.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING,

during its three years of observance has given to the work of foreign missions a total of $10,593, and has become a recognized part of our Christmas gratitude and joy. Let it increase with the years in the amount of its gifts and the number of givers. So shall we find this festive season fruitful in multiplying the joys of our own hearts and homes; and as in everything done for Jesus, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive"—The Baptist.

HOW TO MAKE LIFE HAPPY.

Take time; it is no use to foam or fret, or do as the angry housekeeper who has got hold of the wrong key, and pushes, shakes and rattles it about the lock until both are broken and the door is still unopened.

The chief comfort of life lies in not suffering trifles to vex us, and in cultivating our undergrowth of small pleasures.

Try to regard present vexations as you would regard them a month hence.

Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get.

It is not riches, it is not poverty; it is human nature that is the trouble.

The world is like a looking glass. Laugh at it, and it laughs back; frown at it, and it frowns back.

Angry thoughts canker the mind and dispose it to the worst temper in the world—that of fixed malice and revenge. It is while in this temper that most men become criminals.—Selected.

GLUTTONY.

It is probable that ten persons die from over-eating where one dies from lack of food; and there are, perhaps, as many made ill by gluttony as by intemperance in strong drink. The Savior charges us to "take heed lest at any time" our "hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and the cares of this world," and that day come upon us unawares. Indeed, there is probably as much said in the Bible against gluttony as there is against intemperance.

Few people would habitually overeat if their food was plain, simple and destitute of "seasoning" and stimulating condiments, by the aid of which persons are enabled to eat a day or two in advance of their appetites. Persons are not likely to overeat if they use but one or two articles of food at each meal. But when course after course is served, and new dishes excite an appetite which is already satisfied, and when a kindly and hospitable woman urges a weak-minded man to "try this" and "eat that," when his hunger is already appeased, is it wonderful that he overeats and has indigestion and dyspepsia?

Trouble came into this world by a woman coaxing a man to eat; and some of them have kept it up ever since. A man is quite likely to eat all that is good for him without urging, if the food be palatable and the company agreeable; his will is none too strong to resist temptation, and friendly cautions against excess are much more needful than seductive persuasions to indulgence in all the luxuries of the season.

Of course we do not see or hear of much such gluttony as the historians tell us of in the ancient times, for a healthy appetite is none too common in these dyspeptic days, and a decent man would be ashamed to be classed with some of the imperial hogs of former ages.

The stories told by the old chroniclers and historians of the abnormal appetites of certain Roman and Oriental men of note fairly stagger belief. Buddha, the Eastern sage, is said to have died in consequence of eating a meal of pork, a fate he might have avoided by studying Moses law. Giddon tells of Soliman, a caliph in the eighth century who died of indigestion in his camp near Chalcis, in Syria, just as he was about to lead an army of Arabs against Constantinople. He had emptied two baskets of eggs and of figs, which he swallowed alternately, and the repast was finished with marrow and sugar. In a pilgrimage to Mecca, the same caliph had eaten with impunity, at a single meal, seventy pomegranates, a kid, six fowls, and a huge quantity of grapes of Tayef. A hundred such appetites would cause a famine. Louis XIV. could hardly boast of an appetite as ravenous as Soliman's, but he could eat at a sitting four platefuls of different soups, a whole pheasant, a partridge, a plateful of salad, mutton hashed with garlic, two good sized slices of ham, a dish of pastry, and finish with fruit and sweetmeats."

Surely, his god was his belly!

APRON STRINGS.

"I promised my mother I would be home at 6 o'clock."

"But what harm will an hour more do?"

"It will make my mother worry, and I shall break my word."

"Before I'd be tied to a woman's apron string!"

"Mother doesn't wear aprons," said the first speaker with a laugh, "except in the kitchen sometimes, and I don't know as I ever noticed any strings!"

"You know what I mean. Can't you stay and see the game finished?"

"I could stay, but I will not. I made a promise to my mother, and I am going to keep it."

"Good boy!" said a hoarse voice just back of the two boys.

They turned to see an old man poorly clad and very feeble.

"A wise man once told a young man," the stranger resumed, "to cut the acquaintance of every person who talked slightingly of his mother's apron strings, and it is a very safe thing to do, as I know from experience. It was just such talk that brought me to ruin and disgrace, for I was ashamed not to do as other boys did, and when they made fun of mother I laughed too—God forgive me! There came a time when it was too late"—and now there were tears in the old eyes—"when I would gladly have been made a prisoner by these same apron strings, in a dark room with bread and water for my fare. Always keep your engagement with your mother. Never disappoint her if you can possibly help it, and when advised to cut loose from her apron strings, cut the adviser, and take a tighter clutch on the apron strings.

This will bring joy and long life to your mother, the best friend you have in the world, and will assure you a noble future, for it is impossible for a good son to be a bad man."

It was an excellent sign that both boys listened attentively, and both said, "Thank you," at the conclusion of the stranger's lecture, and they left the ball grounds together silent and thoughtful. At last the apron-string critic remarked, with a deep-drawn sigh:

"That old man has made me gooseflesh all over."

"Oh, Dick," said his companion, "just think what lovely mothers we have both got!"

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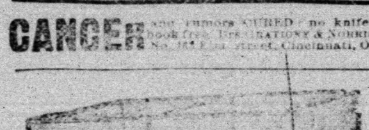

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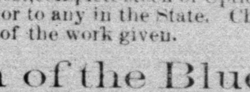
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Brethren, let us this year strive to be a great denomination, not only great in numbers but great as the religious world counts greatness, great in the living truths we advocate, and great in the consecration given to the sacred work of the Redeemer, who aids us largely in the development of our greatness.

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CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Centennial Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Washington, D. C., Jan. 12 and 13. Dr. Mabie, of the Missionary Union, was present. The Union's invitation to send a fraternal messenger to the anniversary meeting in Philadelphia, was accepted, and the chairman was appointed. A similar invitation was extended to the Union to send messengers to Atlanta. Dr. Mabie gave a deeply interesting account of the mission fields he has lately visited.

It was agreed to ask the Eutaw Place church, Baltimore, to release Dr. Ellis for centennial work, an average of one absence a month, including a Sunday.

State committees were urged to labor to increase the number of contributors to missions, and editors were requested to write editorials on the subject.

The missionary maps, furnished by the Baptist Book Concern, were commended, and a home mission map was approved.

The plans of the Woman's Auxiliary to use chapel cards and certificates, were approved and their work heartily endorsed.

A programme for the Atlanta meeting was agreed upon, and it was decided to make the Louisville meeting, October, 1892, representative of the entire denomination in America.

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Baptized at Chester, the first Sunday in January three bright and devoted young ladies. The circumstances under which they were baptized was a clear indication of the fact that they were moved by the Spirit and principle laid down by our Saviour in Luke 9:23. "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." The icicles projected several inches from the trough through which the water was conducted into the pool, the ground was frozen and the brisk north wind, all combined, *made it a cross. But they went* into the water with that decision of character and spirit of submission which called forth the expression even from Pedo Baptists that it was true devotion. May the blessings of the Lord abide with them and the same spirit of devotion guide them through life.

I send you two dollars renewal to the RECORD. I can't get along well without it. I have been talking to the brethren about renewing. They say they are going to renew their subscription soon. I may give my views on the removal of the College soon. I think the subject should be thoroughly ventilated before the meeting of the Convention.

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CHURCH NEWS.

DEAR RECORD:—May I say a few words about the work in this part of the Coldwater Association? I have been pastor of three churches a little more than three years. While the work has not progressed as it might have done with a more efficient teacher, yet my heart has been made glad, as I could see a gradual advance in all the departments of our Christian work.

Especially has this been the case in the interest of Foreign Missions. Ministerial Education and church discipline. The church at Arkabutla has just closed the first quarter's work of this Associational year, which is always given to Foreign Missions. We made an effort to get every member of the church to contribute but did not quite succeed. Yet our work is gratifying. We contributed more than six times as much as we did last year. We hope soon to be able to enlist every member of this large church in the work of one common Master. At the close of the quarter a deacon of Longtown church reported that every member of that church had contributed to Foreign Missions for last quarter. I then asked how many of that church took the Foreign Mission Journal, thinking this grand little paper had done the work, when to my surprise I found that not a single copy went to that office. I then asked how it was that every member could be enlisted without the aid of this little Journal, when a brother in the audiance answered: "we read the BAPTIST RECORD, that is the secret. Brethren we as Mississippians can not afford not to read the RECORD. The Longtown people now read both the RECORD and the JOURNAL. What may we not expect of them in the future? Last, but not least is Peach Creek church. This church does not make her contributions to Foreign Missions until October, you may count on them. This is the best church in the Coldwater Association. Last year they gave nearly as much again for Foreign Missions as any other church in the Association. It is a small church and in the country, but they are trying to carry out the commission of our Savior, and He is fulfilling His promise and is with them. Under the wise leadership of their former pastors, Brothers Henderson and Lipsey, they have advanced in their Master's work more than almost any church of which I am acquainted. They have redeemed their pledge to Ministerial Education. Brother Ellis may look out for Longtown and Arbabutla this quarter.

Yours in the work,

J. E. BARNETT.

Arkabutta, Miss.

BLUE MOUNTAIN.

Blue Mountain Baptist church has had some good luck, and as many of our friends over the State rendered us assistance in the matter, we desire to express our thanks through THE RECORD.

In October I received a pamphlet on "Physical Culture," from W. Jennings Demorest, and at the same time a letter, from which I copy the following: "Send us the names of your friends who would like to have a copy of these valuable little books, with two cents from each to pay the postage, etc. To the one who sends us the largest number of onames we will give $100." On the pamphlet I found the following to the public: "Send for a sample copy of Demorest's Family Magazine, which will be sent free, provided you put the number 7341 on your postal card." Our church has uncomfortable seats, and we could not raise money enough just now to furnish new seats, so I began to try for the $100 to use in reseating our church. I began by promising a sample copy of the magazine to each one who would give me a name and a stamp, but I presumed too much, as I afterwards found out. I supposed Demorest would send sample copies to all for whom I would request it, and I knew no better until after I had sent 400 names. I write this by way of explanation. Some doubtless have been disappointed in not receiving a sample copy. Demorest was not to blame. If you wish a copy, write a postal card to W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East Fourteenth street, New York; **put the number 7341 on the card, and will you get the magazine. It is an** excellent magazine. Send for a copy **and see for yourself. I sent 1,275 names, and I have the $100 in hand.** Many thanks to all who gave me assistance. Mrs. S. J. Harris, of our church, aided me very much in securing names.

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The table of contents for February shows variety and increased attractiveness. Some practical and pertinent questions are handled editorially without gloves.

The Rev. H. A. Delano gives an excellent character-sketch of Isaiah, and Dr. Hobart matches it with an article on Jeremiah.

The discussion on the Scribes, by the Rev. J. H. Mason, introduced by reference to Baruch, is timely and informing.

A voice from across the ocean calls attention to Bible reading and the work of a useful organization of which Mr. Waters is honorary secretary.

The Editor's Drawer is crowded with notes and questions.

Library Notes will be found helpful. The lesson department is full and complete, as usual, with the addition of a new feature. "Bible Lesson Dictionary." It is said that the circulation of this paper has increased several thousands during the past month.

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The Review of Reviews for January contains the portraits of some fifty or sixty of the notabilities of the day. General Johnston and Governor Nicholls of Louisiana, Secretary Foster, Assistant Secretary Wharton, the late Dom Pedro, Fonseca of Brazil, Mr. Jackson the new Irish Secretary, Mr. Redmond the Parnellite leader, Mr. Flavin of Cork, Archbishop Walsh of Dublin, Prince George of Wales, five governors of Australian States, the late Lord Lytton, the late Rev. Oscar McCulloch, the late William B. Florence, Governor Alvin P. Hovey, Senator Plumb, Hon. S. B. Elkins, Mr. Gillman of JUDGE, the Czar and Czarina of Russia, with various other Russian portraits, Mr. Elbridge Gerry of New York, Mr. Benjamin Waugh of London, Mark Twain, Frederic Harrison, Thomas Nelson Page, the late Mr. Velhagen the distinguished German editor, and Lord Rosebery, the rising liberal statesman of England, are among the people whose faces are presented in this number.

MARRIED

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Jackson, in Corinth, Miss., Mr. Walter T. Roak, of Jackson, Tenn., to Miss Ina E. Jackson, of Corinth, Miss. After congratulations from many of their friends, the happy couple departed for their future home in Jackson, Tenn. May divine benedictions rest upon them.

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At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Delk, near Wheelerville, Miss., Nov. 26, 1891, Mr. Steve Mixon to Miss Lou Delk. J. P. Williams officiating.

May theirs be a prosperous voyage over life's sea.

J. P. WILLIAMS.

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At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McCoy, in Augusta, Miss., Dec. 30, 1891, Mr. T. M. Crawford, of Heidleberg, Miss., to Miss Gracie O. McCoy, of Augusta. J. P. Williams officiating.

Attendants—Miss Lizzie Dearman and Mr. E. W. Breland. Miss Pearl McCoy and Mr. U. L. Hudson.

May they realize a liberal portion of happiness. J. P. WILLIAMS.

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At the residence of Mrs. M. Dabbs, near Shubuta, Miss., on Nov. 22, 1891, by Elder J. M. Phillips, Mr. J. M. Everett, Sr., and Miss Eula Dabbs.

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At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. H. Crawford, near Goodwater, Clarke county, Miss., on Dec. 30, 1891, by Eld. J. M. Phillips, Dr. Y. E. Gordon, of Copeville, Texas, and Miss Florence Crawford.

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At the residence of the bride's uncle, Dr. Wheeler, of Wheelerville, Mr. Duncan Bryant to Miss Fannie Wheeler, Jan. 3, 1892; J. P. Williams officiating.

May their life's ideal be realized

J. P. WILLIAMS.

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At the residence of the bride's mother, near Union church, Jefferson county, Miss., Dec. 13, 1891, by Eld. J. Jasper Green, Mr. T. B. Simmons to Miss P. Coleman.

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At the residence of the bride's mother, near Spencer, Miss., Dec. 30, 1891, by Eld. J. Jasper Green, Mr. J. A. Bufkin to Miss Mattie E. Robertson.

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At the residence of Mr. W. J. Woodell, the bride's father, eight miles northwest of Carrollton, Miss., by Rev. L. S. Foster, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, 1891, Mr. Edward L. Williford and Miss Hattie Woodell.

At the residence of Mr. Reub. Noland, the bride's father, four miles north of Carrollton, by Rev. L. S. Foster, Thursday evening, Dec. 24, 1891, Mr. H. G. Bankston and Miss Ada Noland.

At the same place and hour, by Rev. L. S. Foster, Dec. 24, 1891, Mr. J. J. Noland to Miss Nannie D. Bankston.

May Heaven's blessings rest upon these three happy couples, and may their married lives be full of sunshine. They paid the preacher. Good.—EDS.

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At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Sam Smith, near McCondy, Miss., on Jan. 14, 1892, Mr. J. E. Ford and Miss Minnie Smith.

Mr. J. E. Ford is a member of my Providence church. I bid this happy couple God-speed along life's pilgrimage.

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At the residence of the bride's mother, Copiah county, Miss., December 10, 1891, Mr. W. R. Craig and Miss Wenona V. Jacob, by Rev. George Robinson of Utica. Many congratulations to the happy couple.

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At the residence of the bride's father, P. R. Trim, November 25, 1891, Mr. R. B. Greenlee and Miss L. E. Trim. S. R. Young officiating.

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At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. C. Lewis near White Oak, Miss., Mr. M. M. Young and Miss C. A. Lewis, all of Copiah county, S. R. Young officiating.

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PASTOR.

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Henry Clay Gill, eldest son of Brother Ellis and Sister Della Gill, was born July 2, 1890, died Nov. 19, 1891, age one year, four months and seventeen days. May the Lord comfort the bereaved parents, and guide them in the way their infant has gone.

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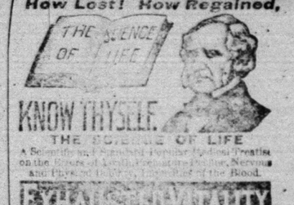

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